

## PROCLAMATION

As we commemorate the end of the Vietnam War, which claimed the lives of more than 58,000 U.S. service members, including 5,822 Californians, we pay tribute to the brave men and women who selflessly answered our nation's call.

Despite their harrowing sacrifices – many suffering for the rest of their lives from the physical and mental wounds of war – our veterans did not receive the support and gratitude owed them upon returning home, a shameful reality we vow to never repeat. California is proud to stand by our veterans and is steadfastly committed to connecting them and their families with the benefits they have earned many times over, through education, advocacy and direct services.

Today, we reaffirm one of our most fundamental obligations as citizens of this great country: to honor those who have served and those who continue to serve with the respect, care and gratitude they profoundly deserve.

**NOW THEREFORE I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2021, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

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GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State